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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. Jim C. Butt
P.O. Box 897
Monticello Utah 84535

Dear Mr. Butt:

Re: Goneaway Mine, M/037/009, San Juan County, Utah

In June 1979, you submitted a mine and reclamation plan for the Goneaway Mine at our request. In August of 1979, we requested additional information and suggested a field visit with you to iron out the plan details. This was the last that we heard from you with regard to this mine site. The mine covers approximately seven to eight acres of surface disturbance, and as can be seen in the enclosed pictures, it is not reclaimed.

The mine does not appear to qualify under the two-acre-per-year exemption from reclamation that existed up to 1986. Unless the present claim holder wishes to acquire the responsibility for eventual site reclamation, I see that you have two alternatives:

- (1) Reclaim the site - This would require that the waste pile be graded against the portals so that the mine openings are sealed and so that there is: 1) no impounding of water, and 2) water runoff is channeled to minimize erosion. The best available onsite soil material should be placed over the regraded area, ripped, and the entire area seeded and fertilized as recommended below:

Seed Mixture

Indian ricegrass	4 lb/acre
Fourwing saltbrush	4 lb/acre
Crested wheatgrass	4 lb/acre
Rabittbrush	4 lb/acre
Shadscale	<u>4 lb/acre</u>

TOTAL	20 lb/acre
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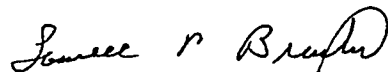
Recommended Seedbed Preparation/Seeding

1. Get some topsoil material back onsite.
2. Rip areas six-inches deep to prepare seedbed.
3. Broadcast seed, then harrow or rake in to cover 1/4" - 1/2" deep (preferably in the fall).
4. Broadcast fertilizer over area (200 lbs./acre - diammonium phosphate 18-46-0). Or,

- (2) Provide the information that was requested in our August 1979 letter (copy attached) and post a reclamation bond. The bond would probably be in the range of \$15,000 to \$20,000. Locked gates would have to be installed on the portals also. We would be happy to meet with you onsite to finalize a Mine and Reclamation Plan if you so desire.

If you can think of any other reasonable alternatives, we would be happy to consider them also. If you should have any questions or if you disagree with our interpretation of the situation, you can contact me or Frank Filas of my staff at the phone number listed above. Please let us know in writing which course of action that you wish to pursue before December 1, 1987.

Sincerely,



Lowell P. Braxton
Administrator
Mineral Resource Development
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Enclosure

cc: F. J. Filas

S. M. Child, U.P. & L.

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